

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BAR - BENCH - MEDIA CONFERENCE

A meeting of the Bar-Bench-Media Conference was held on Thursday, February 21, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supreme Court Conference Room in the Carvel State Office Building in Wilmington. The meeting was open to the public. Notice of the meeting had been posted. The members of the Conference in attendance were:

Members from the Print News Media

Ms. Rita Farrell
Ms. Tammy Brittingham
Mr. John Taylor

Members from the Electronic News Media

Mr. William Osborne
Mr. Michael Sigman

Members from the Bench

Chief Magistrate Patricia W. Griffin
Justice Randy J. Holland
Vice Chancellor Jack B. Jacobs
Judge Jay Paul James
Judge Roderick R. McKelvie

Members from the Bar

Harvey B. Rubenstein, Esquire

Harvey Rubenstein called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous

meeting were approved.

Mike Sigman gave a report on behalf of the Demonstration Committee. Mike had made arrangements for a demonstration for the Supreme Court as to how television, radio, and photographic coverage of trial courts would be handled under the proposed Conference guidelines. Mike explained that he would have all media equipment in place in Courtroom 301 to show the Supreme Court that the placement and use of the equipment would not be disruptive to any proceedings. Mike was going to show the Court a brief videotape, explain pooling arrangements for coverage, and answer any questions that the Court may have. The demonstration was set for February 23, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. All members of the Conference were invited to attend.

Tammy Brittingham gave a report on behalf of the Education Committee. The Committee discussed having informal programs as part of CLE programs, Inns of Court meetings, trial lawyer groups, and media societies meetings. The Committee thought that it would be beneficial to work with smaller groups within existing organizational structures. It was also proposed that brown bag lunch discussion groups and happy hours with a purpose be scheduled to bring groups of media representatives, lawyers, and judges together to exchange ideas. The Committee asked the Conference to suggest ideas for informal programs. The

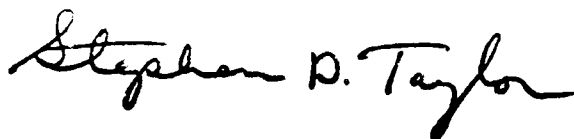
Conference requested that the Committee meet before the next Conference meeting to discuss topics for the seminars. It was suggested that each media entity do a program on ethics as well as explain their procedures for producing or writing a news story.

Steve Taylor was asked to compile a list of Court contact people for the media to contact if the media needs to verify court information for a story after court business hours have ended or on the weekend. Steve will compile such a list prior to the next meeting.

The Attorney General was scheduled to attend the meeting and talk about a proposed FOIA seminar. She was unable to attend the meeting. Tammy Brittingham, John Taylor, and John Sweeney will contact the Attorney General to pursue the matter.

The next meeting of the Conference will be scheduled for a date to be determined by the Chair. Steve Taylor will send out a notice after the date is selected. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen D. Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Stephen D. Taylor".

Date: March 17, 1995